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- 1.—All parcels and cards must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, the earlier the better.
- 2.—Included in the term Armed Forces are: Personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine and civilians working under the jurisdiction of the above.
- 3.—Christmas cards shall be sent only as first class mail and shall bear the return address of the sender—including zone.
- 4.—No requests from the addressees are required in connection with Christmas parcels mailed to Army personnel during this period only.
- 5.—Each parcel should be endorsed as follows: —“CHRISTMAS PARCEL.”
- 6.—Christmas parcels shall not exceed the present limits of five pounds in weight or 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined.
- 7.—Not more than one Christmas parcel or package shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or from the same address.
- 8.—Postal Money Orders should be used to transmit gifts of money to members of the armed forces outside the continental United States. This service is not available to members of the Merchant Marine.
- 9.—No matter addressed to members of the Army or other persons receiving mail through APO overseas shall be accepted as insured or COD mail. Letters or packages containing money or articles of value shall be refused registration, but letters containing valuable or important papers may be registered.
- 10.—Mail for personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard may be accepted for registration or insurance if it conforms to existing requirements as to weight, size and so forth.
- 11.—Armed personnel are amply provided with food and clothing and the public is urged not to include such matter in gift parcels.
- 12.—Perishable matter will not be accepted, and the sending of any fragile article, even though well wrapped, is discouraged. Soft candies do not carry well and should not be sent.
- 13.—Intoxicants, inflammable material (including all types of matches and lighter fluid) and poisons, or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage the mails, are unavailable.

14.—Great care must be used in the preparation and wrapping of all overseas parcels. Owing to the great distance this mail must be transported and the handling involved, it is absolutely necessary that all articles be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated reinforced with strong gummed-paper tape and tied with strong twine. Each parcel is subject to censorship, and delay in handling may be minimized by securing the covering of the parcel so as to permit ready inspection of contents.

15.—Addresses must be complete—and should be on both an inside and the outside wrapper. They should always be either typed or written in ink. Parcels addressed to overseas Army personnel should show, in addition to the name and address of the sender, the name, rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, A.P.O. number of the addressee and the post office through which the parcels are to be routed.

16.—Parcels for the Naval personnel, including the Marine Corps and Coast Guard, should show, in addition to the name and address of the sender, the name, rank or rating of the addressee and naval unit to which he is assigned with the Navy number assigned thereto, or name of the ship and A.P.O. through which the parcels are to be routed.

17.—Mail for the Coast Guard is addressed the same as for Naval personnel except the words “U. S. Coast Guard” shall replace “U. S. Navy.”

18.—Mail for the Merchant Marine should also be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

19.—Postage: Postage must be fully prepaid, the rate on parcels of the 4th class matter (that is, parcels exceeding 8 ounces) being the zone rate applicable from the post office where mailed to the post office in care of which the parcels are addressed. E. G.: A 2-pound package mailed from Torrance in care of an A.P.O., N.Y., N.Y., would require postage for the same rate applicable between Torrance and New York for any 2-pound package.

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